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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)
VISITS TO IRANIAN PRISONS

REF: (A) GENEVA 4165; (B) TEHRAN 5717; (C) GENEVA 5335

1. DURING MY COURTESY CALL ON HIM JULY 18, ICRC PRESIDENT ALEXANDRE HAY ALLUDED TO HIS RECENT PRESENTATION OF ICRC REPORT ON IRANIAN PRISON CONDITIONS TO THE SHAH (REFS B AND C) AND STATED AGAIN HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE FULL COOPERATION ICRC IS RECEIVING IN IRAN, THANKS TO THE SHAH'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT. HAY RE-EMPHASIZED THE SHAH'S INVITATION FOR ICRC TO VISIT IRANIAN PRISONS FREELY AT ANY TIME AND TO REPORT TO HIM DIRECTLY ON THEIR FINDINGS. HE STATED THAT ICRC PLANNED TO MAKE ITS NEXT VISIT IN THE FALL, PROBABLY SEPTEMBER.

2. TO A QUESTION WHETHER THIS SITUATION MIGHT NOT PLACE ICRC IN CONFLICT WITH SAVAK, HAY RESPONDED THAT ICRC WAS NOW RECEIVING SAVAK'S FULLEST COOPERATION AND THAT
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ONE HIGH SAVAK OFFICIAL HAD TOLD HIM THEY WOULD GIVE ICRC REPS ANYTHING THEY COULD EXCEPT THT THEY "CAN'T COMPLETE A NEW PRISON BEFORE SEPTEMBER".

3. HAY IS CONVINCED OF THE SHAH'S PAST IGNORANCE AS TO

ACTUAL PRISON CONDITIONS IN IRAN, AND OF HIS COMPLETE
SINCERITY IN HIS EFFORTS TO CORRECT THEM, BASED ON ICRC
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. HAYIS CLEARLY MUCH
ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE THUS FAR.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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